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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,882,300
- AB United States Patent No. 5,058,592
- AL German PS 298 41 220
- AT Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2002272740 for
Japanese Application No. 2001080914
- AV "Flexible Einschubtechnik löst OP-Überwachungs-probleme
Optimal," Brochure from Siemens AG

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AU was identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present application, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of this reference.

Reference AA, the German counterpart to Reference AB, and References AL, AU and AV were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. A translation of Reference AL is not readily

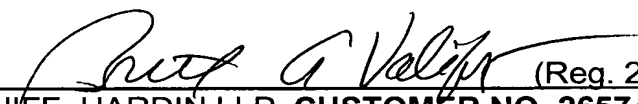
available to the Applicant, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto. An English translation of Reference AV is not readily available to the Applicant, however, this reference is a publication of the Assignee of the present application providing background information regarding various forms of medical equipment displays.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.


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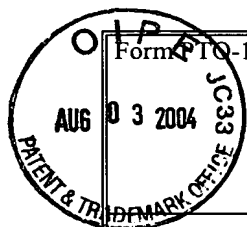
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3737**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate
	AA	5,882,300	03/16/99	Malinouskas et al.			
	AB	5,058,592	10/22/91	Whisler			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AL	PS 298 41 220	05/04/2000	Germany				
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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AT	Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2002272740 for Japanese Application No. 2001080914
	AU	"Flexible Einschubtechnik löst OP-Überwachungs-probleme Optimal," Brochure from Siemens AG
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